

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 and 57 are currently pending in the application. Claims 3-11, 17, 18, 25, 26, 30, and 46 have been withdrawn due to an election of species requirement. Claim 56 has been canceled. Applicant has amended claim 50 in accordance with the Examiner's request. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

Request to Admit the Amendment

Applicant believes that the foregoing amendment complies with the Examiner's requirement of form and further believes that this amendment] presents the rejected claims in better form for appeal. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a), Applicant requests the Examiner admit the amendment. Upon these good and sufficient reasons for why the amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented, Applicants request the Examiner admit the amendment pursuant to either 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b).

Telephone Interview

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Chilcot, and the Examiner for their courtesy and time during a telephone interview that was held on November 1, 2007. Mr. Chilcot's comments and insight were very helpful in preparing this response. It is hoped that the comments below reflect the spirit of the interview. Mr. Chilcot indicated the allowability of claims 1, 2, 12-16, 19-24, 27-29, 31-45, 47-55, and 57. Mr. Chilcot further requested the term "offset" be inserted in claim 50 and that the amendment would be entered.

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Regarding Doctrine of Equivalents

Applicant hereby declare that any amendments herein that are not specifically made for the purpose of patentability are made for other purposes, such as clarification, and that no such changes shall be construed as limiting the scope of the claims or the application of the Doctrine of Equivalents.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If any fees, including extension of time fees or additional claims fees, are due as a result of this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0513. This authorization is intended to act as a constructive petition for an extension of time, should an extension of time be needed as a result of this response. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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